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Subject:

Continuation of  
Serial No. 10/020,754 12/12/01  
  
B. LEE ET AL  
  
"NEW BURIED STRAP FORMATION METHOD  
FOR SUB-150 NM BEST DRAM DEVICES"  
  
Grp. Art Unit: 1765 KIM CHAN CHEN

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated December 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

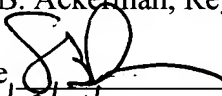
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the Claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.